

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and
- WHEREAS, while children are vital to our City's future success, prosperity, and quality of life, they are also the most vulnerable members of our society; and
- WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and
- WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster healthy growth and development; and
- WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among individuals and families, human services agencies, schools, faith-based organizations, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and
- WHEREAS, the community must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and
- WHEREAS, the community must work together to increase awareness about child abuse and promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and
- WHEREAS, more information about 2022 National Child Abuse Prevention Month may be found at www.childwelfare.gov/preventionmonth; and
- WHEREAS, witnesses of child abuse and neglect should report it to Child Protective Services at 703-324-7400;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Falls Church, Virginia and urge all to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening the communities in which we live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 11th day of April, 2022.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Tarter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

David Tarter, Mayor